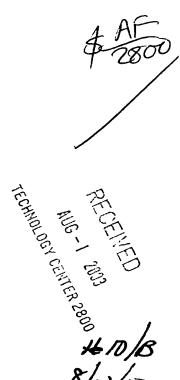




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AMENDMENT "B"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated March 31, 2003 (Paper No. 9). The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on June 30, 2003. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response date be extended for 1 month. The \$110.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include attached replacement

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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